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## BIG CROWD TURNS OUT TO GREET AND GIVE SEND-OFF TO SERG. ELLIOTT

Over 500 Gather on the Agricultural Grounds in Honor of Serg. Elliott---Dinner, Baseball, Sports, Dance. Presented With \$100 Purse. Good Luck, Jack!

The entire Irma district gathered on the Irma Agricultural Grounds Wednesday to do honor to one of Irma's favorite sons, Serg. J. D. Elliott. When he stepped off the east bound train at noon a host of friends and the Cold Springs concert band were at the station to meet him, and holding a long line of automobiles, escorted him out to the fair grounds. The Irma ladies at once filled the long tables with good things to eat and everyone sat down and enjoyed the excellent viands the Irma ladies had noted for cooking.

The afternoon was taken up in social chat and visiting and recalling the days gone by. Serg. Elliott was kept very busy relating experiences of the war and exchanging greetings with old neighbors and friends. In spite of the hardships which he had gone thru he looks quite fit and said he was ready to take his place with the boys at the front again. What a contrast this peaceful happy gathering of friends on a sunny Alberta afternoon was to the grim realities of the strife across the sea, yet the sergeant seemed to be one of the happiest in the crowd.

A ball game was staged between a picked-up team from Irma and the fast team from Rockford. The R.F.'s showed good form and signs of practice while the Irma boys showed quite a lack of it, however. Irma put up a good showing against the visitors and if it hadn't been for a couple of bad innings the score would have been much closer than 11 to 3 in favor of R. F. Irma used three men in the box, Herrie, Tun and Jones, while Metz of Monitor went the entire route for the visitors. Theumping of Cliff Toll was satisfactory to both sides.

After the ball game some exciting foot races and athletic events were pulled off and the winners were as follows:

Standing long jump, L. Guitlert. Running long jump, L. Guitlert. Hop, step, jump, C. A. Toll. 100 yd dash, E. Erickson. Obstacle race, S. Chappelle, 1st. L. Giltner 2nd.

Ladies 50 yd dash, Miss Fenton

Egg and spoon race, S. Linnen

Ladies nail driving contest, Mrs. Howarth.

Throwing baseball, Miss Fenton

Boys three-legged race, Coulton

and Pile.

Potato race, Renwick.

Wheelbarrow race, Crosser and

Renwick.

Crocker eating race, Marshall

Boys 50 yd dash, Renwick.

Boys ten years and under:

25 yd dash, C. P. Chevalier

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Serg. Elliott has the characteristic modestness and reserve of the returning soldier who has been wounded and sent home to recover, but in conversation with a Times representative he recalled many incidents of his experiences.

Enlisting as a Private with the 9th Edmonton Battalion, immediately after the outbreak of the hostilities, on August 27, 1914, he spent his period of training at Valcartier and Salisbury camps until February 11th, 1915, when he went with his unit to the trenches.

After spending almost a year in the thick of the fight, he climbed suddenly and quickly to the honors which he holds today. He was made Lance Corp., Corp., and Sergeant with only a few days intervening between each honor. Notwithstanding his long service stretching over a period from August, 1914 to January, 1917, he said it would

be impossible for him to adequately describe the fighting. Only about four good battles were fought, he says, the two Ypres battles, the battle of Somme and of Century Woods. There were other engagements, of course, but he would scarcely call them battles.

It was in the first battle of Ypres in 1915, that he received a gun shot wound through the lung, and returned to England for a four months rest.

At the end of four months or so he returned to France, in time for the second big Ypres battle, but this time in the head. Three months rest was granted him this time.

In the big battle of the Somme he also participated and received a bullet wound in the hip, which remains with him. After two months in the hospital he was examined and branded A, which means "fit for active service." Sergeant Elliott will go back to the battle front with his already great record, to still further service in the great cause. He is one of the men who have had many marvelous escapes with life. If the saying about a cat having nine lives could be applied in his case, we might say that two-thirds of his chances still remain for him.

Sergeant Elliott will leave shortly for the East as he has to report to army headquarters by June 16th and later go across the waters to the front. When asked what he thought of conscription he said every soldier is in favor of conscription.

The Irma people sent a message of loyalty and love with Sergeant Elliott to the boys at the front. The Sergeant impressed the people more than ever with the gravity of the war but left a note of optimism as to the ultimate end.

In the evening the Co-operative hall was filled to overflowing with a merry crowd of dancers in compliment to Sergeant Elliott.

During the course of the evening Serg. Elliott was presented with a purse of \$100.00, Mr. J. G. Clark making a very able presentation speech to which the sergeant fittingly responded.

It was a red letter day in the history of Irma.

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 5th, meeting of ratemakers of Irma school district.

Wednesday, June 6th, meeting of the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. W.O. Eaton.

Saturday, June 2nd, U.F.A. meeting at Irma.

Saturday, June 2nd, UFWA meeting in Irma school house.

Monday, June 4th, meeting of the village council.

Monday, July 16th, meeting of the municipal council.

Tuesday, July 31st, Irma Fair.

Thursday, July 12th, Orange Celebration at Edgerton.

### Church Notes:

There will be no service in the Irma church on Sunday next. Service will be held as usual at Sunny Brae and Clark Manor. F. D. Johnson will conduct the services.

### Irma Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the directors will be held in Mr. Watkinson's room on Wednesday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m. to appoint Stewards and make final arrangements for the fair. No further notice will be given.

### Letter Tells of Pte. Maxwell's Death

Jarrow Soldier Gave Up His Life Fighting the Huns on "No Man's" Land.

Following is a letter from an officer of the 49th Battalion to Mr. W. T. Maxwell, of Jarrow, regarding his son W.G. Maxwell, who was reported missing on October 8th. He was the first to enlist from the Jarrow district.

February 27th, 1917.

To Mr. W.T. Maxwell,  
Jarrow, Alta.

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of your letter inquiry of your son who was reported missing on October 8th, 1916. I was Company Sergeant Major at the time it was in the attack on Regina Trench on the morning of the 8th of October. I saw him right up to the time when we started over "No Man's" land, when he was acting as Company Runner. We were met with very heavy machine gun fire as soon as we started, and the few that reached the trench were far outnumbered. The others that did not get there remained in the shell holes until night, under the German fire. We suffered heavy casualties, all our officers being killed or wounded, and some twenty one others, and myself were all that remained to answer the roll call. Some few that were wounded were got out the next night and recent reports of prisoners show one officer and two men were taken prisoners at that time and are at Cambrai, and since then we have no further news. I regret to say he must have been killed going over.

I have known him a long time in the Company and always as one of the brightest boys we had with us. He had always a very keen sense of humour and was more than a favorite with the boys of his platoon. "Jerry" as we all called him was also a member of our Company football team, was always ready when we had a game on; proved himself not only our best player but a true sportsman and a brave soldier. He was one of the "Old Boys" that made the Battalion what it is and has played a noble part in this war.

Please accept the sympathy of all the Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, and men; and especially the members of D Company, that knew him so well.

Yours sincerely,

J.G. Downton, Lieut. 49th Batt.

### Pte. J. R. Murray, of Jarrow, Killed in Action.

The Murray family residing in the Jarrow district received the sad news last week that Pte. J. R. Murray had been killed in action in a recent big engagement. "Jim" as he was popularly known in the community was one of Jarrow's most promising young men, clean, honorable, and jolly, and the news of his sacrifice has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood, and his loss is felt keenly by his family as well as a host of friends.

A memorial service for Pte. Murray will be held in the Methodist church, Jarrow, on Sunday, June 10th, at three P.M.

Craigie Donald, the pure bred Clyde stallion, formerly owned by Matt Hold was sold to R. A. Leason, seven miles south west of Irma. The consideration was \$2,000. Sedgewick Sentinel.

### A Chapter of Accidents.

On Saturday, May 26th Roy Marley, who is in the employ of the G.T.P. and was spending a few weeks vacation with his father and mother on their farm. He was driving a team when the wheel struck a boulder hole and threw him off the wagon seat. The team bolted and ran some distance, a young son of Mr. Marley's was in the wagon box, the team after running some distance stopped and no further damage was done. When help came they found Roy unconscious with his leg badly broken between the hip and the knee. Dr. McGregor was sent for and he and G.A. Trip moved the injured man in an automobile to Irma where he was made as comfortable as possible at Edmunds hotel, at noon on Monday he was removed to the G.T.P. hospital at Melford.

On Monday, May 28th, Mr. B. Denney was hauling lumber from Irma, about 4 miles north of the town the horses started and in attempting to jump over the wagon his foot slipped and he went under the wagon, a small bone in his left foot was broken and his right arm badly broken and crushed between the elbow and shoulder. He was brought back to Irma and attended to by Dr. A. M. McGregor, and on Tuesday night removed to the hospital at Edmonton. We wish both the injured men a speedy recovery.

### "Billy" Brickman, Brother of Miss Ella Brickman, is Some Sniper, and Nurse Too

The following is a sketch from a letter written by Serg. J.W. Hopkins who is in the baymaster's office in London to a cousin in Edmonton. The letter speaks of W.J. Brickman of Phillips, of the 10th Battalion and tells of him being wounded.

Extract from letter dated London Eng., April 27th, 1917.

Billy Brickman, who is on my memory, was in our Battalion, was drafted to the 8th in France, and was wounded slightly at Vimy Ridge on Easter Monday. Under ordinary circumstances his wound would not have got him Blighty, but owing to the large number of casualties they sent all cases that came through certain clearing stations, right across, and he was fortunate enough to come through one of them. I saw him a week ago tomorrow and he has some interesting tales of trench life to tell. He was put on as stretcher bearer when he was sent over. They are called S.B.'s, but their duty is really "first aid" to the wounded, after which they detail others to do the carrying. He said he could not understand at first why no one wanted the job as a lot of privileges go with it, but he soon found from experience the reason. He said the orders were to dress those cases first whose lives could be saved, it was a heart breaker to be doing this and have, close by, a poor fellow dying and calling for help. He (through the boys of the 151st who went with him, backing him up) was allowed to compete at the snipers' shooting, and carried off the Brigade championship. The snipers wanted him at once, but his M.O. would not let him go as he had successfully applied a knotted bandage to a fellow who had received a shrapnel wound in the head, which had severed the artery, and if the dressing had not been done right he would undoubtedly have bled to death, so the M.O. said one of our boy's lives saved was worth five Hun lives taken. He used to do sniping on his own though, in his spare time. He got three one day, and two another. He was not in the position usually occupied by snipers, so that it took them some time to locate him, but they did eventually, and the first intimation he got of it was a big shell just a short distance behind him. He beat it, and a few minutes later a big hole was located where he had been. He says that is when they do when they locate a sniper, turn the big guns on the spot and—Good day.

When the plant is full grown the tubers are filled out from starch which is formed in the cells of the leaves during the day time. This starch travels down through the stem of the plant during the night and locates itself in the tuber, so that the leaves in the early morning are completely freed of all starch. If the plant has ample food, the weight of the potatoes formed on plants of equal inheritance is exactly equal to the leaf area exposed to the sunlight. Therefore, when bugs eat off the leaves, or blight injures them, the leaf area is decreased and the yield of potatoes proportionately reduced. Bug and blight can best be controlled by spraying with arsenite of lead and Bordeaux mixture, all mixed together and put on at one time. The Bordeaux mixture controls the blight and the arsenite of lead kills the bugs. This mixture is washed off the leaves fairly easily by the rain, so that if the bugs are numerous, spraying will have to be done after every rain to control them completely.

Fertilization of potatoes is nothing like as necessary as usually supposed. Good cultivation and proper soil preparation are much more important. If the soil is properly worked and the weeds kept down and the bugs eliminated, good crops of potatoes can be grown on almost any soil without the use of any fertilizer whatever. This is especially true of land which contains old sod. It is well to treat the potato seed with a solution of formaldehyde, made up by using one quart 40 per cent commercial formaldehyde, in a barrel of water. The cut seed should be dipped in this for about half an hour and then taken out and planted. This will eliminate blight. Great losses of potatoes may result from early planting, due to cold and excessive moisture. It is much better to plant later, after thorough preparation of the soil. If the seed has already sprouted be careful not to break off the sprouts. The sprouts may be planted in any direction to the ground and they will find their way upward.

A Few Hints as to Potato Raising.

Some months back the potato advanced from the commercial page of the newspaper to the editorial page, and bids fair to yet disport itself volubly in "Our Bit," with other society favorites, concealing its humble origin in some such name as Morphy. Information concerning the habits of the potato has become a matter of great interest to tens of thousands of amateur gardeners who purpose raising it in the back yard this year, and therefore no apology is needed for presenting some facts on the subject collected by Mr. Edward R. Hewitt.

He is a scientific farmer, and writes on his subject in the New York Times. He first explains the necessity of planting potatoes in loose, well-worked up soil. The plant having a root with a weak shield at the end of it to push through the soil, is to some extent frustrated and undone if the soil is hard. In these circumstances, the peaceful penetration of the potato is baffled, and the result is two or three potatoes to the hill.

Potato land should, therefore, be plowed deeply and early, and thoroughly harrowed and broken up. If sod land is used it is important that the sod be thoroughly cut up with a heavy disk harrow before it is plowed under; otherwise the sod is turned over and the grass is liable to lie against the subsoil and cut off the contact of the upper with the subsoil so that the subsoil water cannot rise toward the surface. The surface then dries out and the plants either die or make a poor growth. If sod land has already been turned over, the only thing to do is to cross-plow it and then harrow it thoroughly so as to break up the sod and make contact between the surface soil and the subsoil. Newly-turned sod is not a particularly good one for potatoes, because they require a large amount of food during their early period of growth to make a large plant. The sod at this time is not yet rotted sufficiently to furnish this food, and the plant is liable to be stunted. Sod land is much better planted in corn which requires a small amount of food during its early growth and the largest amount of food during the latter part of July and August when the ears are forming. By that time the sod is fairly well rotted and will furnish the food.

Potatoes should be planted four inches below the actual surface of the soil and not four inches below the top of the hill-up ridge. The reason is that the potato is sensitive to changes in temperature, and the soil is at a more even heat four inches below the surface than near the top. The potato is easily burned by the sun and seriously injured. During the early period of growth the first inch or two of soil gets cold at night that the growth of the plant is also retarded. The deepest planted potato will always come up first and make the best plant. It is more important to keep out weeds which take the food belonging to the potato and injure its growth. This is particularly true at the early stage of the growth of the plant before the blossoms are formed.

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A. Kemp visited the Capital last week-end.

A. A. Dickson is all smiles now. His car is working fine.

The Irma Times, a live paper in a live town, \$1.50 per year.

Miss E. Barnes made a round trip last week-end; taking in Manville and Viking.

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Howorth spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Watkinson at Irma.

Yet another farmer has got the motor fever, this time it is J. A. McDonald.

J.H.S. Armstrong, the Irma postmaster is up to the weather at present.

J.M. Moore reports that his son Arthur was wounded in action is making good progress.

Mrs. J. McNaughton on Friday last presented her husband with a son and heir.

Eggs, which are unusually high for this time of the year, dropped a point this week.

C. Burrows and C. Tane spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schaffner on their farm.

M. Rubenok is among the latest to get the automobile fever. Mike's car is Ford, self starter and self stopper.

Mrs. J. McDonald injured the palm of her hand quite severely last Wednesday while trying to extract a cork out of a bottle.

The need for a hospital at Irma was badly felt during the past week when two seriously injured men had to be shipped over long railway journeys to hospitals.

Steve Jones and H.G. Thunell, of Viking, were at the big picnic Wednesday. "Tun" twirled a few innings for the Irma ball team.

A. Firkus and sons were down from Jarrow Wednesday to attend the big send-off picnic. They have just purchased a McLaughlin Six and its a peach.

H. L. Cooper and family and Miss Bessie Brickman were among those from Phillips who attended the picnic here Wednesday. They made the trip in their Ford car.

A start has been made at building a grade across the slough at the North end of the village. Messrs. Barber & Barber are busy hauling straw for the foundation.

The shipment of cream from Irma is increasing every week. The prices are high now, and this is one of the best sources of income for the progressive farmer.



# FARMER HAS A PLACE OF HONOR IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GERMANY

**FOOD SHORTAGE ADDS TO MILITARY DIFFICULTIES**

Workers on the Land Constitute the Last Reserves in the War of Freedom, and the Soil on Which Crops are Grown will be the Strategic Ground on which War will be Decided

No one can rise from a careful study of the appeal in this issue from the Organization of Resources Committee without feeling that "famine and starvation are our own threshold," and that we must produce more food or face a period of terrible want and suffering.

The high cost of living should concern the most patriotic that we are living in an ordinary time. Canada is outside the war zone, it is true, and does not yet know what it means to be put on limited rations, as in Britain, and to be restricted in the use of luxuries other than necessities of life. It is difficult for those who at present experience no shortage in food to realize that world-hunger may come before the 1918 crop is harvested unless those who own or till the soil will increase their output this season.

A place of honor in the firing line awaits the farmer in the fight against Germany. As Mr. Lloyd George says:

"The British Empire holds against the Germans is held by those who work on the land as well as by those who fight on land and sea. If it breaks at any point, it breaks everywhere. The face of the earth, the seas of our Royal Navy and mercantile marine and the soldiers gathered from every part of our Empire hold our line firmly. You workers on land must hold your part of the British Empire, build up our 2,000,000 men in the French front ready, and that she has 2,000,000 more training ready to send, in another year, to the front."

A Frenchman has about all of his men at the front now. The 1918 men are getting ready to go to the trenches; and that will leave only boys under 17 and old men in the country.

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## War Material for Front

**British Rails Turn Up for War Lines**

Great Britain is turning up the rails of her own railroads to take across the channel for use behind the lines in France, according to a returned American traveler, whose business took him both to England and the Continent.

"No private citizen knows how many miles of England's railroads have already been laid in France," he said. "But ship after ship is crossing the Atlantic loaded with second-hand rails and ties, and men are busy tearing up more track to send all the time."

The military authorities do not reveal the destination to which the rails are sent; but plenty of people have seen it unloaded and started inland.

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In the last place it is to be represented that poison gas is not poison. "Every man," to quote the report, "is to be told that the gases used by us are so-called 'smelling-substances' (Ricardo's) and are not really poisons, but only inaccuracy accounts for the men's consumption of the symptoms produced by poisoning with German cloud gas. To them it would be described not as a means of individual destruction, but as an exceptional and peculiarly interesting feature is the series of holes which officers are officially instructed to tell to their men on the spot."

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## Joy in Taxes and Retreats

Congratulatory Messages for the Kaiser for Every Occasion

The Kaiser is so full of happiness that he has to distribute it by telegraph. Each new invoice of good news is acknowledged by him with a shout of piping joy. How many are grateful for taxes. The more are laid upon the German back, the thicker the empire is carpeted with paper, the stronger the grip becomes.

The emperor began. He thanks his "dear von Bethmann" for the adoption of new taxes by the Reichstag, tells him that "granting taxes is a Reichenberg's duty." He tested all the world that the German people will take upon itself all burdens which are necessary for a victorious termination of the war for existence.

In our direction only there are any signs of glee in the German attitude as here revealed. It is clear that the German soldier would not care to know the details of taxation, but particularly inspiring to him as a soldier to be told that Germany belonged the honor of reducing war to the level of vitro throwing. Here is a symptom of recent feelings and mentality. It is perfectly characteristic that it should be met by such feelings. Such feeling is extraneous, even dangerous, to the German war scheme and as such stands condemned in the eyes of the German leaders.

## Brooklyn Praises Canadians

A glorious chapter added to the history of Canada

We have special reason to rejoice in the victory of the Entente in the battle of Arras. The famous Vimy Ridge, most formidable of all the positions so far taken by the Entente, was captured by the Canadians. Canada, with a population less than that of New York State, has managed to send men to the European battlefield in sufficient numbers to make these British troops the most courageous.

That is the answer to the German contention that the United States can do nothing in this war. Canada sent 50,000 men to Europe in a few months and the battle began.

The battle of Vimy Ridge is the answer to the German theory of victory. The kaiser's theory of victory is certain. At the head of the Great German army was the hero of the day, our Hindenburg. He is deeply to be regretted, said Herr Werner, that the creation of the navy, Grand Admiral Tirpitz, stands aside from the direction of the war.

In conclusion the speaker spoke of the peace conditions. "In the end, in addition to the Baltic Provinces, we desire a frontier protection against undesirable immigrants. (This is leveled at the movement westwards of Russian Jews). In the west and elsewhere, settlements are to be independent, and that Belgium in one form or other shall be welded to the German Empire. If we are to get out of the 'Wet Triangle' we must have Antwerp. Essential also is an extension of our territories to the north and south. This could only be met by the annexation of Brie and Longwy."

Have ambition and your road will lead upwards.

## 800 Tractors Used in British Fields

A recent letter from London said: "In the spring, Lord Marlborough asked what state had been made to supply motor ploughs to farmers. The Duke of Marlborough said the government had in use 100 motor tractors from America, fifty caterpillar tractors which were to go to the frontiers chapter to the history of Canada's part in the war, and there is reason to believe that when the full fruits of that victory are garnered we will be fully equipped. These 800 tractors were capable of ploughing 3,000 acres a day. The report of the report shows there was ample labor to man and repair them."

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## Hun Soldiers Deceived

**German Officers are Taught to Lie to Men**

The discipline by which the German nation is bound sets forth that most dwellers in free countries can, even yet, conceive. It goes beyond the outward actions of men and controls the whole field of their minds. The ruling classes of Germany truth is not a virtue but a fact which may be revealed or concealed at the dictates of expediency, the latter receiving the more respectable name of "policy."

Those who have received this general characteristic of the Prussian character will expect the military command in particular to regard truth in itself as entirely negligible. It is the secret of their power to tell the soldiers merely what it is expedient for the latter to believe. In other words whatever is calculated to make them fight harder for the moment. For instance the German soldier is told that he will be killed if he is taken prisoner he will be killed by the enemy. The authorities calculate that the average soldier will frame his belief in accordance with instructions given him.

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When conscription is adopted by the Parliament of Canada every Canadian citizen will become equally liable for military service. No longer can there be a line drawn between those who are supposed to be willing to serve and those who are suspected of being unwilling. Whether Canadian born, alien born, or born in an enemy country, every holder of citizenship rights in Canada will stand upon precisely the same footing of responsibility to answer the call of his country and get into the trenches. To demand the disfranchisement of any class of Canadian citizens under those conditions will be to demand the disfranchisement of men who are as liable as any other to be called out to fight the country's battles, and who if they are not in the trenches will be elsewhere by permission or under orders from the Government.—Bulletin.

## No Need for Criticism.

The Winnipeg Free Press says editorially.

"Occasionally one hears a remark to the effect that it is about time the United States was doing something in the war. The remark is in every way uncalled for. These same sort of people were asking the same question about Great Britain in the autumn of 1914 and in the greater part of 1915. These people ignore the fact that you cannot turn a nation of civilians into a nation of soldiers overnight; that getting an army raised, equipped and drilled is only a fraction of the work required to get the present-day war machine completed and into operation."

The fact is that the United States is moving into the war more quickly than almost any of the belligerents with the exception of Germany. Of course she has the experience of the others to guide her, but it is even then satisfactory to note that she is willing to profit so fully by the mistakes of the other Allies. In order to keep a correct perspective it is well to summarize just what the United States has done to date, that is in two months.

She has partly mobilized her wealth and made immediate loans to her Allies.

She has decided on the mode of taxation by which the war bill is to be paid:

She already has a food controller and plans well advanced to increase food production and to eliminate waste and extravagance.

She has conscription on her statute books and in a few days will be busy raising her first army of 500,000 men. She has 200,000 soldiers already under arms and has recruited the navy to a war-time basis.

She has mobilized her shipbuilding resources and has made a good start on the conscription of hundreds of wooden ships to be used as food carriers.

She has placed a fleet of destroyers in European waters to help put an end to the submarine peril.

She already has a couple of sections of her army organizations on the battle line and is preparing a division of her regulars to proceed at once to France. It is announced that 40,000 more will be sent in the first contingent.

Looking over this list, it becomes plain that the newest of the Allies is doing pretty well. Politicians, are politicians, in the United States as in every other country, but despite them the Washington administration is moving along pretty quickly. It might be pointed out, too, that sentiment is not swaying efficiency at Washington. A few days ago officials of the U. S. war department made tests of American airplanes. They were not found satisfactory. The heavier-than-air flying machine was invented in the United States and no doubt the national pride was stung at finding that the home of the flying machine hadn't kept pace with the times. But there was no hesitation on the point. The war department immediately placed orders in France for 1,800 airplanes and is preparing to place further contracts in Britain.

Some people may think that there is more flag-waving than war-making going on south of the border, but the facts herein recounted belie the charge."

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## The Municipal Hospitals Act

## How to Incorporate a Hospital District and Provide for Operation of a Hospital

Under the Municipal Hospitals Act passed at the recent Session of the Legislature, the Minister of Municipal Affairs is authorized to divide the province into Hospital Districts. He is also charged with the responsibility of supplying plans, specifications, estimates, advice and other assistance as he may be able to give. The bringing into existence of a hospital depends upon the initiative of the people. When only one municipality is concerned, all that is necessary to initiate action is a petition signed by twenty-five electors and agreed to by the municipal council. When more than one council is concerned, the consent of the other council or councils is necessary, as well as the petition from the electors within the municipality. The preliminary work being done, the council shall appoint a hospital board. In the case of one municipality undertaking the work, the board shall consist of three members of the council and three electors outside the council. When there are two municipalities in the proposed district each council shall appoint three representatives, one being a member of the council, and two electors not councillors. When the appointments are made the names are sent to the Minister who names a convenor and the place and date of meeting for organization. The board has power—

To appoint such officials as may be necessary and to fix the amount of remuneration;

To determine the site and arrange for purchase of same;

To arrange for the acquiring or erection of a suitable building;

To make arrangements with any existing hospital, if preferred to undertake the establishment and maintenance of a separate institution;

To engage medical practitioners and nurses;

To arrange for financing the hospital, the preparations of estimates, etc., the municipality providing the money as for other municipal enterprises.

The levy for capital expenditure shall not be higher than two mills on the dollar.

As soon as the plans are approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the council shall prepare a by-law for submission to the electors, which must be voted on within three months.

For full information as to how to arrange for and conduct a Municipal Hospital under this Act, apply to JOHN PERRIE, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Edmonton.

## More or Less Funny.

A word from the wife is sufficient. The Yankees are now going to fight!

Happy Thought, No. 1—Every man thinks he needs a wife until after he gets one.

A man likes to add a few years on to it so he will be young looking for his age. But with a woman it is different.

A man who hasn't a car can at least have the satisfaction of reading the automobile ads.

There is more truth than poetry in the old adage "We keep the pig in the parlor" at the prices nowadays.

The first thing the slackers in Quebec did who are against conscription in Canada was to attack a couple of newspaper offices. Very good evidence that the truth hurts.

They wouldn't let Teddy lead a fighting force to France so he chose the next best thing and went back to his desk in newspaper office!

A country editor bemoans the fact that he doesn't own a car. In which we all join in the chorus!

Don't be surprised if you see a lot of girls who never got past seventeen get on the voter list.

Farmer used to come in and trade a year's subscription for a bushel of potatoes, a peck of onions, five dozen eggs, a dressed chicken and a barrel of apples. Now they come to town with the same list of goods and expect to pay for all their bills, buy a car, and put the rest in the bank for a rainy day. Who would not be a farmer?

A woman from the country and her small son were driving to town when a huge automobile bore down upon them. The boy was frightened and began to prance, whereupon the car leaped down and waved wildly to the chauffeur, screaming at the top of her voice.

The chauffeur stopped the car and offered to help get the horse past.

"That's all right," said the boy, who remained compositely in the carriage, "I can manage the horse. You just lead mother past."

## An Ad in The Times Will Find That Stray Animal for You.

Mr. Farmer: What stray animal you spent two or three days searching for, might soon have found its way home through a small ad in the "Irma Times."

## Orange Celebration on July 12th

The Grand Orange celebration, to commemorate the Battle of Boyne will be held at Edgerton on Thursday, July 12th. Invitations have been extended to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to be present and to deliver addresses. Arrangements are complete for a special train to be run from Edmonton.

## Must Have Charmed Life.

To have been wounded five different times and sent to the hospital and each time recovered sufficiently to return to his place in the trenches is the novel experience of Pte. Joe Kubanek, of Wavy Lake. Last week the mother of the boy, Mrs. John Rozmehl, received a telegram that he had been wounded and admitted to the General Hospital, Calais, suffering with a gun shot wound in the right arm. This is the fifth time she has been officially notified that her son has been wounded and sent to the hospital since he went into the trenches over two years ago.—Viking News

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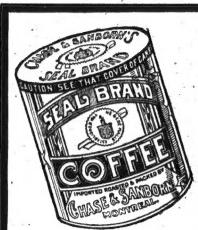
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**Viking**

A. W. Cairns motored over from Killam on Sunday and spent the day as a guest of the W. J. Harris family.

T. H. Stowe had the misfortune of falling and breaking his collar bone last Sunday morning. He is improving nicely under medical attention.

Although spring has been generally late, pioneers say that they have never seen such rapid growth and crops so well advanced as they are, at this time of the year.

W. McAthey and family and S. W. Jones and family motored to Edmonton last Thursday. They encountered some bad roads but had a very delightful trip.

Messrs. Steve Jones and W. McAthey, local McLaughlin dealers, made a trip to Edmonton Monday evening and returned with a McLaughlin Six for A. Firkus, of Jarrow. Mr. Firkus made the trip home with them.

A picnic will be held in the McPherson grove ten miles south of town on Friday, June 15th. Among the attractions will be ball games between Viking and Killam for a cash prize.

Mrs. Ed Leith and D.C. Haworth received a telegram on Sunday that their mother at Camrose was very low and not expected to live. They left on the evening train accompanied by Mr. Leith to be at her bedside.

Victoria Day, May 24th, was observed in town as a holiday. The stores were closed and business was at a standstill all day. Several farmers forgetting it was a holiday came in to do their trading but were disappointed.

An auto party consisting of the Watkins boys, Geo. Chedour, Robt. Desilets, Jimmy Kabesh, and the Misses Ethel McKee, Mable Hummel, Mary Hoskins and Anna Jones, motored to Wainwright last Sunday and visited the Buffalo park.

H. B. Collier went up to Edmonton Thursday evening and returned Friday morning with Miss Phyllis who has been in one of the hospitals convalescing from an operation of an affection near her right ear. She is very much improved and doing nicely.

Little Clifton Idyll celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon in a novel way. Instead of the usual presents the youngsters invited brought ten cents each and the proceeds amounting to \$2.30 given to the Red Cross. After enjoying a number of games on the lawn they all came into the house and sat around a big birthday cake lit with seven candles and ate ice cream and cake to their heart's content.

**Despondent Ryley Farmer  
Takes Own Life.**

Ryley, Alberta, May 24—Emery Burten, a farmer from twelve miles northeast of Ryley, was found dead with a bullet in his head in the hayloft of McClellan's livery barn in Ryley, Wednesday.

The body was discovered by the hostler at the barn with a 22-calibre rifle which Burten had bought at J.D. McNaughton's hardware store, Tuesday, lying near. The coroner was called and an inquest was held, the verdict given being that of suicide. Several papers were found on the body including a complete statement, signed, of Burten's business accounts and telling of his intention of taking his life.

There seems to be no motive for Burten's act, except that he had had hard luck and was short of money for some time, which seems to have worked on his mind until he committed suicide. The deceased was a bachelor. His father lives in Renton, Indiana.

**Sporting Notes.**

Les' Darcy, the great Australian boxer, died in Memphis, Tenn., on May 24th, from pneumonia.

Benny Leonard knocked out Freddie Welsh, the light weight champion, in the ninth round Monday evening, and annexed the championship.

**To The Electors of The District of Vermilion:****CORRESPONDENCE.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Owing to the fact that the Sifton government has only allowed twenty one days in which to discuss the political issues of the day, it will be impossible for me to see you individually or even address meetings in every section of the district. I therefore take this means of appealing to you for your support and confidence on June 7th. I am a farmer and have resided in the district the past 18 years. My interests are identical with those of the farmers who have been agitating for a "Farmers Candidate." I am opposing the Sifton Government because that it is time for a change in order to investigate the financial situation in this Province and see just where we stand. Railway contractors have become millionaires in the course of a few years through deals with the Sifton Government. We want to know how they have made these riches, and if dishonestly, as we believe they have, then to make them disgorge their ill-gotten gains.

Charges have been made against Ministers of the Crown and the Government has refused investigation; proving conclusively that the charges must have been true and could be substantiated.

The Act depriving the Soldiers from Alberta of the right to vote as ordinary electors is one that calls for the condemnation of the administration responsible for it. It does not contain one vestige of justice to our boys in the trenches.

I stand for the administration of the affairs of this province on a sound and economic business basis, in contrast to the recklessness and extravagance methods pursued by the Sifton administration.

I stand for Civil Service reform, and for a square deal to the electors irrespective of party affiliation.

I stand for the acquisition and control of the Natural Resources of this Province in order to provide a sufficient revenue, not only to repay our public debt, but to provide the means to carry on a progressive development of the province without having to resort to direct taxation.

I am absolutely opposed to the pandering of the resources of the province to Corporate Interests as is the case under the Sifton Government.

I shall advocate the extension of the telephone system to meet the reasonable needs of the people at the least possible cost.

I am in favor of a system of tender and contract for the building and maintenance of our roads.

I heartily support the establishment of Free Rural Hospitals, and am in favor of applying the proceeds of the wild land tax for this purpose.

I therefore pledge myself, if elected, to do whatever lies in my power to advance the interests of the District as a whole, and not any part of it at the expense of another.

Yours for good government,

J. B. Burch.

To the Editor, Irma Times.

Dear Sir:-

In your paper last week you gave a list of reasons why the present Government should be returned to office. You left out a few very important reasons. For instance, the enormous debt with which they have saddled the province. Also if the Government is not returned to power what is to become of the great army of relatives of the present Ministers now in soft and well paid jobs. Why Sir they would have to get out and work like any ordinary individual. This itself should be reason enough. Then again what would become of the great scheme of the Sifton clique to despoil the Canadian boys at the front, fighting for their country, of the full value of their vote, and to give the enemy who are fighting them the chance to vote them in their native land. Yet! There are indeed many reasons that the Government should retain office.

Yours truly,  
Albertan.

To the Editor, Irma Times.

Dear Sir:-

Since Premier Sifton came to office he and his Ministers have spent nearly \$60,000.00 on traveling expenses as compared with a total during the five years of the Rutherford government of \$14,945. I would suggest that this is another good reason for returning them to power.

I am, yours truly,  
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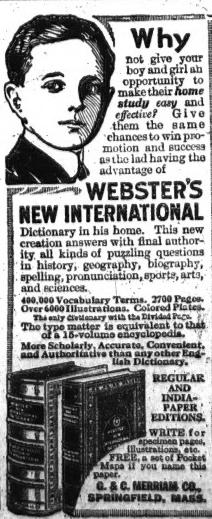
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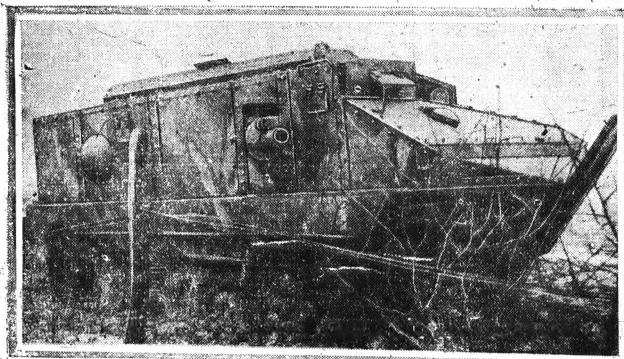
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### Canada Will Take Over Coal Mines in Alberta.

Winnipeg, Man., May 26.—Government agents are on the way from Ottawa to Southern Alberta coal fields to take over mines during the war, according to word here today. Miners and operators have been unable to reach an agreement over the wage scale and a several weeks tie-up has resulted. Resumption of work will avert a threatened serious coal shortage.

**Alberta Fair Dates.**

The following are among the dates adopted by the Alberta Agricultural Fair Association for this year:

Stettler—August 10th, 11th.  
Consort—August 14th, 15th.  
Castor—August 16th, 17th.  
Leduc—September 17th, 18th.  
Alix—September 21st.  
Gadsby—September 22nd.  
Ponoka—September 26th, 27th.  
Viking—September 20th.  
Holden—September 21st.  
Tofield—September 22nd.  
Bashaw—September 25th, 26th.  
Calgary—June 28th-July 5th.  
Red Deer—July 5th to 7th.  
Edmonton—July 9th-14th.  
Lacombe—July 17th, 18th.  
MacLeod—August 9th-10th.  
Peace River—August 8th-10th.  
Medicine Hat—July 10th-13th.  
Vegreville—August 14th-15th.  
Stony Plain—August 15th.  
Edgerton—August 17th.  
Irma—July 31st.

Chauvin—August 1st.  
Wainwright—August 2nd, 3rd.  
Sedgewick—August 7th.  
Hardisty—August 8th.  
Provost—August 9th.  
Strome-Killam—August 10th.  
Daysland—August 14th, 15th.  
Camrose—August 16th, 18th.  
Wetaskiwin—August 21st, 22nd.  
Coronation—August 7th, 8th.

**Election of Trustees.**

A meeting of the Irma school district will be held on Tuesday June 5th, at 2 p. m. at the school house to elect a trustee in place of H. Burkholder who has resigned.

**Orbindale**

Mr. and Mrs. O. Anderson of Zoldovara visited at Coultram's on Sunday.

Mr. Anderson's have purchased a new Ford car. We wish them many pleasant drives.

Here we are again after a very busy spell of seeding. As the saying is, "There is a time for sowing, and a time for reaping." The Orbindale farmers put forth big efforts in the time of sowing.

We are lead to believe by reports that this district is further ahead with seedings operations and also as to grain conditions, that ought to give the farmers smile.

Geo. Hipperson last Saturday evening while out hunting cattle was taken with a severe pain in his side which proved to be an attack of appendicitis, but is glad to report he is out and about again.

Martin Reanski of Salteaux passed through Orbindale on Sunday with his new car, a Ford, and it filled. On their way to visit our promising little town of Irma, but owing to such roads they were unable to get through on their return trip, so they took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Coultram.

It seems a shame that something has not been done yet this date to improve the road south of A. Millans. It is quite plain to see that the worst roads we have are in this municipality. A person would need considerable geographical ability to find their way to town, through fields, around bluffs, through mud holes, stubble fields, just any old way. If these farmers should put up the fence what is to be done. Wake up municipality and do something for the people. If the mail order houses get a good deal of the trade, you can wonder if the voice of the people will not draw your attention, what will?

Matt Wold Las over from his farm at Irma on Tuesday. Mr. Wold is farming extensively this year, having just let the contract for 200 acres of breaking. C. W. Hanson accompanied Mr. Wold over from Irma. — Sedgewick Sentinel.

**POPULAR WANTS**

**ESTRAY**—On the premises of M. R. Moore (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  16-46-10 w4th) one bay gelding, branded on left shoulder 65 and on left thigh, **20**. Has been in locality for some time. Jarow, Alta. 15-16.

**Wanted**—A young girl to assist with house work and children. A good home. Write stating wages required.—Mrs. Annie F. Watson, Box 130, Wainwright, Alta.

**Eggs For Sale**—Pure bred Buff Orpingtons. Winter laying strain. \$1.00 per setting.—Mrs. A. W. Toll, Irma.

**Eggs For Sale**—Pure bred White Orpingtons, from prize \$1.75 per 15 eggs. Apply J. S. Gulbra, Irma, Alta.

**STRAYED**—From the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  20-47-8 W 4th, one iron grey two year old filly, narrow white strip down forehead, and no brand. Any information thankfully received by John McCreadie.

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**FOR SALE**—Good Grade Short-horn bull, two years old, H. W. Love, Irma. 15-19

**TENDERS WANTED**—For breaking twenty acres near Irma, H. W. Love, Irma. 15-19.

**Wanted**—Good work ox. Wanted at once.—J. Ellis, Irma. 15

**STRAYED**—From the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  20-47-8, aged grey mare branded **WR** on thigh, bay mare with white markings, 11 yrs old, branded **26** on thigh. Both have other brands. Also yearling bay mare colt.—Any information that leads to recovery will be suitably rewarded.—Fred Thoresen, Viking, Alberta. 15-17.

**\$10 Reward**—From the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  47-8, W 4th, 5 yearling colts, branded **GA** on left thigh, \$10.00 reward. G. F. Arnold, Irma, Alta.

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